House File 681

AN ACT

PERMITTING QUALIFIED ENTITIES TO REQUEST NATIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS OF CERTAIN COVERED INDIVIDUALS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. **692C.1** National criminal history record checks — persons providing child care, elder care, and care for individuals with disabilities.

- 1. For purposes of this section:
- a. "Covered individual" means an individual who has, seeks to have, or may have access to children, the elderly, or individuals with disabilities served by a qualified entity and who is employed by volunteers with, or seeks to volunteer with a qualified entity; or owns or operates or seeks to own or operate, a qualified entity.
 - b. "Department" means the department of public safety.
- c. "Qualified entity" means a business or organization, whether public, private, for-profit, nonprofit, or voluntary, that provides care or care placement services, including a business or organization that licenses or certifies others to provide care or care placement services.
- 2. A qualified entity may request a national criminal history record check by the federal bureau of investigation on covered individuals through the department of public safety.
- 3. The qualified entity shall submit fingerprints and other identifying information to the division of criminal investigation of the department on a form and in a manner as

prescribed by the department. The department shall submit the information through the state criminal history repository to the federal bureau of investigation.

- 4. The department may use authority conferred under the National Child Protection Act, as codified in 34 U.S.C. §40104, in conducting national criminal history record checks on covered individuals.
- 5. The department may require a qualified entity to pay a fee associated with a national criminal history record check. The fee shall not exceed the actual cost of the national criminal history record check.
- 6. The results of national criminal history record checks are a confidential record under section 22.7.
- 7. The department shall adopt rules as necessary for the administration of this section pursuant to chapter 17A.

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I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 681, Eighty-eighth General Assembly.

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